



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker lays electrical and communications conduit in the floor of the North Orientation Theater. The stone work is nearly complete inside the theater.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/21/05 through 11/25/05

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work and metal stud walls, place concrete, install finish stone, and apply plaster to interior spaces.
- Stone crews will continue installing stone inside the Great Hall on the columns and along the east walls, and in the Congressional Auditorium. Only minor stone work remains to be completed inside both orientation theaters. Stonework has begun inside the Exhibition Gallery and crews are up to the seventh course of stone along the east wall of that facility.
- On the Service Level, crews continue to make the duct connections to the air handling units and fans, piping connections to equipment, and final electrical connections.
- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, crews continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, place floor topping slabs, and erect metal stud walls and drywall.
- A stone crew will continue installing granite blocks on the south retaining wall leading to the CVC entrance.
- Foundation work continues below the House Carriageway as part of the effort to construct a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to House expansion space.
- A temporary hoist just south of the Center Steps is being to be used to transport mechanical equipment to the roof.
- Crews will continue to lay granite pavers in various zones on the Senate Plaza and along the sidewalk leading to the Senate Steps as restoration activities continue.



Workers in the House expansion space position a segment of air duct into place in the ceiling of a new committee hearing room. The curving lines visible on the floor will be used to help guide the construction of the ceiling structure, which will support a series of concentric curving vaults.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- First Street continues to be constricted at the intersection with East Capitol Street to allow for utility work in this zone. Excavation near an existing gas line below First Street continues as crews prepare the zone for Washington Gas to reconfigure the gas line over the new utility tunnel.
- The utility connections to steam and chilled water lines at Second Street are ongoing and workers continue welding pipes inside the tunnel.
- Crews will continue placing concrete every other day at the intersections with First and Second Streets. The concrete structure around an old book tunnel is complete and waterproofing is occurring at this location.

Next Week – 11/28/05 – 12/02/05

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, place concrete, erect blockwork and metal stud walls, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and middle levels of the facility.
- Installation of pipe will continue inside the new utility tunnel along East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Related utility tie-in work and concrete placements will continue at First and Second Streets. Weather permitting, Washington Gas is expected to begin relocating an existing line that lies within the path of the new utility tunnel.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall, underslab conduit, ductwork and floor topping slabs in the House and Senate Expansion Space.
- Demolition will continue below the House Carriageway as part of the construction of a small underground tunnel that will connect the House wing directly to the Capitol Visitor Center.
- Restoration of the Senate Plaza and the adjacent sidewalk will continue with installation of granite pavers.